

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 44-45, 47, 49, 51-52, and 54-55. Please amend claims 46, 48, 50, and 53. Please add new claims 58-67. The claims are as follows:

1-37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously presented) An identification method, comprising:

a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader scanning a user to read N Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user, each tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag, said N being at least 2;

comparing the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data, said registered record comprising a reference to the user, each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier, said M being at least N; and

permitting access by the user to a resource if said comparing has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags read by the RFID reader.

39. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein  $M = N$ .

40. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein M exceeds N.

41. (Previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein prior to said scanning the method further comprises randomly selecting the N tags from the M tags.

42. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein the method further comprises providing a checksum mechanism for combining identification information in the N tag identifiers.

43. (Previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein after said scanning the method further comprises sorting the tag identifiers in the N tags read by the RFID reader.

44-45. (Canceled)

46. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[44]]~~ 38, wherein prior to said scanning the method further comprises authenticating the user during a registration process in which the registered record is generated.

47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[47]]~~ 38, wherein prior to said scanning the method further comprises generating a digital certificate having data therein, and wherein the data in the digital certificate comprises a name of the user and the identifiers in the M tags.

49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[44]] 38, wherein a tag identifier in a first tag of the N tags includes an indication of a type of the object in which the first tag is embedded.

51-52. (Canceled)

53. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[44]] 38, wherein the M tags in the registered record have an expiration time.

54-55. (Canceled)

56-57. (Canceled)

58. (New) An identification system, comprising:

means for scanning a user to read N Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tags respectively embedded in N objects being carried by the user, each tag of the N tags comprising a tag identifier of said each tag, said N being at least 2;

means for comparing the N tags read by the RFID reader with M tags in a registered record of data, said registered record comprising a reference to the user, each tag of the M tags comprising a tag identifier, said M being at least N; and

means for permitting access by the user to a resource if said comparing has determined that the tag identifiers in the M tags comprise the tag identifiers in the N tags.

59. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein  $M = N$ .

60. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein  $M$  exceeds  $N$ .

61. (New) The system of claim 60, further comprising:

means for randomly selecting the  $N$  tags from the  $M$  tags prior to said scanning.

62. (New) The system of claim 58, further comprising:

means for providing a checksum mechanism for combining identification information in the  $N$  tag identifiers.

63. (New) The system of claim 58, further comprising:

means for sorting the tag identifiers in the  $N$  tags after said scanning.

64. (New) The system of claim 58, further comprising:

means for authenticating the user during a registration process in which the registered record is generated.

65. (New) The system of claim 58, further comprising:

means for generating a digital certificate having data therein prior to said scanning,  
wherein the data in the digital certificate comprises a name of the user and the identifiers in the  
M tags.

66. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein a tag identifier in a first tag of the N tags includes an  
indication of a type of the object in which the first tag is embedded.

67. (New) The system of claim 58, wherein the M tags in the registered record have an expiration  
time.